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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 8, line 17, please change "Fig. 1 is a diagram" to --Figs. 1A and 1B are diagrams--.

Page 8, line 20, please change "Fig. 3 is a diagram" to --Figs. 3A, 3B and 3C are diagrams--.